

Education Committee Hearing
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Hello, my name is Dao Saeng-aly and I am the mother of three kids of which go to Odyssey Community School in Manchester where we live. This our second year in the Odyssey community.

Neliel, my oldest daughter, was being bullied at her old school so naturally, I was worried about what would happen at a new school. I still remember the first day I dropped her off at class here at Odyssey. Ms. Janus, her assistant teacher, gave her a big warm hug and said, "Neli, you always have a friend here, if you need anything just ask. I'm here." I knew from that very moment my kids are where they belong.

It's all the little things and big things that make me so happy about our decision to come to Odyssey. It's Principal Busby greeting each kid every morning with a smile, my kindergartner learning how to write his name, or my son showing off a new word he learned. One day he came home and told his sister to persevere. So I asked him, what does perseverance means thinking he wouldn't know what that big sophisticated word meant. He said proudly, "It means to try harder and never give up. My teacher always tells me to persevere." From that day on, "persevere" has been a model word in our family.

I implore you to make sure all public school children are funded equaylly. Every child should have what he or she needs to do their level best in school. Please continue to fight for us and for what is right!

Kindest Regards,

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